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WIGGINS CASE TO JURY LAST NIGHT

Mother of Kidnapped Child Recites Incidents of Night of Horror. Letter Demanding Ransom of \$12,000 made Public

Las Vegas, N. M., May 20—The case of Joe Wiggins charged with burglary in connection with the kidnapping of the little child, Waldo, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Rogers of this city on March 29, will be in the hands of the jury this evening. At three o'clock the testimony of Wiggins, who was the only witness in his own behalf, was all in, and the attorneys began their pleas. One hour and three quarters was allowed both the prosecution and the defense. It is expected that by six o'clock the court will have taken up his instructions to the jury.

The fight in the case was directed entirely against the charge of burglary. In support of this contention, Wiggins testified that on the night in question, he had gone to the home of Rogers, and was in the act of unlocking the front door with a key which had been furnished him by Will Rogers, when the door was opened from inside.

Mrs. A. T. Rogers, mother of the child which was taken from the home, made a splendid witness against the defendant. She went into a recital of the events of the night, and proved a most reliable witness. On cross examination she denied having been unduly frightened or excited, so as not to remember the events as they occurred. The letter, demanding the payment of the ransom was made public today for the first time. It is a lengthy typewritten, ungrammatical, rambling statement, full of vile threats, and the letter which Will Rogers admitted having written. To prove that she was not unduly excited she described the clothing worn by the man who entered the home. Will Rogers, when on the stand gave a description of the clothing, which tallied with that given by Mrs. Rogers.

A. T. Rogers, father of the child, was also a witness, but gave no testimony bearing directly on the case. His testimony was in regard to the arrangements which he made for the \$12,000 ransom which was paid for the release of the child, Mr. Rogers being in Raton the night of the kidnapping.

Captain Fornoff, who has won high praise for the tactful manner in which the case has been handled from the very beginning, testified as to the confessions secured from Will Rogers and in regard to Wiggins. He

also said that Wiggins had told him he had intended cutting the telephone wires to prevent communication with the house, but had failed to locate the phone and the entrance of the wires into the house.

Program for Decoration Day

All old soldiers both Federal and Confederate, and soldiers of the Spanish-American War will meet at the Park at 9:30 sharp and go to the cemetery to decorate the graves. The reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg address will occur after the decorating of the graves. A tribute to Comrade Atkinson will be paid. After the exercises at the cemetery, all will return to the Park, where a basket dinner will be spread. All are urged to bring baskets and partake of their noonday meal under the old cottonwoods.

Program at the Park.

1:30 p. m.

Music
Declamation, "Old Glory."
Address
Music
Talks by Old Comrades
Benediction
J. T. Blaney, Colonel,
Thos. S. Smith, Adjutant.

Sunday Services at Baptist Church

Preaching Sunday morning and evening by the pastor, J. Q. Herdin. Morning subject "The Supreme Question of the Christian Life." John 21:15. Evening: "Let no man despise thy youth." 1 Timothy 4:12.

All are welcome. The young people are especially invited to attend the evening service.

HAS GOOD FIELD OF RYE

Theo Barnhart brought in a sample bundle of rye yesterday, which takes the cake as far as we have seen this year. It stands over three feet high, is well headed, having long heads, just in blossom. Mr. Barnhart cut this sheaf and brought it in to ask other farmers whether in their opinion it would mature, or if it were better to cut it now for feed. All agreed that he would be better off to let it stand, which he will do. It certainly gives promise of a good harvest.

E. Romero received a shipment of wagons yesterday.

WANT STRICT OBSERVANCE OF SABBATH

Atlantic City, N. J., May 20—The report of the committee on Sabbath Observance to the Presbyterian General Assembly in session here, has caused a most interesting debate among the members of that body. The committee proposes the return to the Puritanical Blue Laws as regards the Sabbath. Several members of the body spoke against the including of such a report in the minutes claiming that it would show retrogression. Others favored the report as brought in by the committee. One item of the report was to the effect that the colleges should arrange for no classes on Monday morning in order that the students need not study on the Sabbath. Sunday baseball and Sunday newspapers came in for their portion of condemnation at the hands of the debaters.

Gambling and Bull Fighting Must Stop

Gambling and bull fighting is doomed in the republic of Mexico, but of particular interest to El Pasoans, there will be no more gaming or animal torturing in Ciudad Juarez.

"As is our president, I am against gambling and bull fighting," says Abram Gonzalez, provisional governor of Chihuahua. "All gambling concessions made after November 20, the date of the revolution's beginning, will be immediately canceled. All concessions made before that time will be honored by us, of course, but at their expiration no more will be granted. This applies to both gambling and bull fighting. We now are investigating the keno and poker rights in Juarez."

And since it is known that president Madero is strictly against gambling in any form, the national lottery and all gambling rights will eventually go.—El Paso Herald.

Another Cigar Causes Explosion

Strange how these old, old jokes retain their popularity among the wise ones. Yesterday after an unusually successful demonstration of the Hine's Dry Shocker, the inventor was presented with a nice fat cigar by one of his admiring friends. About the middle of the smoke and while he was re-telling for the 'steenth time how easy it was to catch a sucker, if you used the proper bait, the bonfire blew up. He must have thought he was struck by lightning as he said "My goodness but that was an awful flash. Guess I better run over and see if the switch-board is burned out again."

Valley Weather Not so Fierce

Sioux Falls, S. D., May 18.—A tornado in the vicinity of Dell Rapids, S. D., sixteen miles north of here this evening injured three persons and destroyed at least a dozen buildings most of them farm houses.

The tornado started northwest of the town of Dell Rapids and struck a corner of the town. The names of the injured—a woman and two children—could not be learned tonight.

First reports stated that the town had been destroyed. This resulted probably from the destruction of the telegraph and telephone lines.

Chicago, May 18.—Four deaths and more than a score of prostrations resulted today from the extreme heat. The thermometer showed 92 degrees at 4 o'clock. The highest point the mercury ever reached this early in the summer since the establishment of the weather bureau.

Thursday, the 18th, the Estancia Valley farmers were thinking and, some of them, were saying some words not learned in Sunday school about that naughty wind. The above messages from South Dakota and Chicago, tells what happened in the way of weather at those two places. Do you want to move to either of these places? We don't. The Estancia Valley will do for us a while yet.

HOT TIMES AT WASHINGTON

Washington, May 18.—Washington and Richmond were today the hottest places on the weather map, their official record running, up to 95. Washington's seasonable records breaking 94 a week ago. Baltimore, Louisville and other cities, however, were close competitors. Thermometers in the shade here recorded 103.

Money is not power, however much we try to make it so, without the will of man, money can do nothing. No human being, millionaire or laborer, can get more out of life than health, happiness and soul development, and these are within reach of the laborer, no less than of the millionaire.

J. H. Lynch and family of McIntosh were southbound passengers last night. Mr. Lynch is on his way to Cloudcroft, where he will work at his trade as carpenter. Mrs. Lynch will visit friends a while in eastern New Mexico, while the boys will visit in Texas.

The News wants ads bring results.

GRUESOME FIND IN THE GALLINAS

Santa Fe, May 20—A most gruesome find was reported here today by Forester D. W. Syper of the Gallinas National Forest Service. While riding his trails in his work last Friday he discovered a body lying alongside the trail. Investigation proved it to be the headless body of a man about six feet tall. Evidently death had occurred several months ago, the body being in a good state of preservation, having lain under the snows where it was protected. Nothing was found on the body by which it could be identified. A short distance away a woman's side comb was picked up. The head of the body was discovered hidden away a short distance from the body. In the back of the skull were two bullet holes, showing that the person had been shot from behind. Shoes on the body were No. 10.

It is supposed that the murderer had decapitated his victim and taken everything from the pockets of the clothing to prevent identification.

Insurrectos Still Capture Cities

Francisco Vasquez Gomes, head of the peace commission, is desirous of securing a declaration of peace at the earliest possible moment, as he believes that this is necessary to prevent the armies now in the field from making further attack, and things nothing short of peace will do this.

Guadajajara, Mexico, May 20—Passenger from Colima today report that the city has been turned over to the insurrectos without bloodshed. On demand, Governor Madrid turned over the reins of the government. The women of the city took refuge on an American steamer fearing an attack on the place. The leaders of the rebels have guaranteed that the order would be maintained after the surrender.

Zacatecas, Mexico, May 20—Arrivals here report a number of federal troops held at Jimulca, on account of the threats of the insurrectos to dynamite the rains should the troops attempt a movement toward Torreon, to reinforce the Garrison at that place.

Nogal, Mexico, May 20—The recently appointed provisional governor arrived here today, bringing news of the armistice from Madero. He is en route to Cuernavaca seventy-five kilometers south of here.

Abe—Speaking of obedience, should a bell ring after being tolled?

Ben—Is a trial marriage recognized by law? Ans.—All marriages are trials.